

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Application of Park Water Company (U 314 W) for Authority to Increase Rates in its Central Basin Division as authorized by NOI 03-04-004: In 2004 of \$1,775,880 or 9.83% above revenues generated by present rates, in 2005 of \$671,705 or 3.39% above the revenues generated by the rates proposed for 2004, in 2006 of \$674,319 or 3.29% above the 2005 revenue requirements.

Application 03-04-015  
(Filed April 11, 2003)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING SETTING  
TELEPHONE STATUS CONFERENCE FOR JUNE 11, 2003**

Park Water Company (Park) seeks increased rates in its Central Basin Division for the years 2004, 2005 and 2006. The application has been protested by the Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA).

This ruling sets an informal telephone status conference for 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 11, 2003, to discuss contested issues and set dates for submission of testimony and dates and location of hearings. No reporter will be present, and the telephone status conference will not be transcribed.

Park is asked to initiate the telephonic status conference to include itself, ORA and myself. Those who should be invited to participate include but are not limited to the following:

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## Issues

Parties will be asked to identify contested issues that should be included in the Assigned Commissioner's Scoping Memo. Preliminarily, these issues appear to include the following:

- Has Park justified the reasonableness of its proposed return on equity?
- Does the estimate for sales per customer conform to the Commission's Standard Practice U-25?
- Has Park justified the reasonableness of its proposed management salaries?
- Has Park justified the use of a consultant in preparation of this rate case?
- Are the proposed additions to plant reasonable, and are they likely to be constructed?
- Has Park justified the reasonableness of its proposed replacement of vehicles?
- What is the most reasonable option for dealing with four wells that show signs of contamination?

### **Dates for Testimony, Hearing**

Parties will be asked to recommend dates for exchange of testimony and exhibits and dates for hearing. Parties also will be asked to make recommendations as to one or more public participation hearings. For discussion purposes, the following dates are suggested:

June 11, 2003 – Informal Telephone Status Call.

July 25, 2003 – ORA serves testimony, exhibits.

August 8, 2003 – Park serves rebuttal testimony, exhibits.

August 15, 2003 – Park and ORA conduct settlement meeting.

August 20, 2003 – Public Participation Hearing at 7 p.m. in Downey.

August 26-29, 2003 – Evidentiary Hearing in San Francisco or Los Angeles.

August 29, 2003 – Joint Comparison Exhibit served.

September 25, 2003 – Opening Briefs tracking Joint Comparison Exhibit filed.

October 17, 2003 – ALJ memo to Water Division.

October 28, 2003 – Proposed Decision circulated internally.

November 10, 2003 – Proposed Decision filed.

### **Stipulations, Appendices**

Parties should be prepared to discuss what procedure they will follow in attempting to resolve issues prior to hearing. Parties also should be prepared to discuss how they can assist in timely completion of the exhibits to the Proposed Decision.

**IT IS RULED** that Park Water Company shall initiate an informal telephonic status conference among the listed parties and the Administrative Law Judge at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 11, 2003.

Dated May 23, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ GLEN WALKER  
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Glen Walker  
Administrative Law Judge

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Setting Telephone Status Conference for June 11, 2003 on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated May 23, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ELIZABETH LEWIS

Elizabeth Lewis

**N O T I C E**

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